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Title: System and Method for Determining Methods and Properties to be Invoked on Objects in a Graphical Program

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
### September 16, 2002

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 16, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the current abstract and replace with the following:

A method for developing an automation client program in a graphical programming environment. The graphical programming environment provides a set of automation nodes and controls which may be dropped and wired together to create a

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